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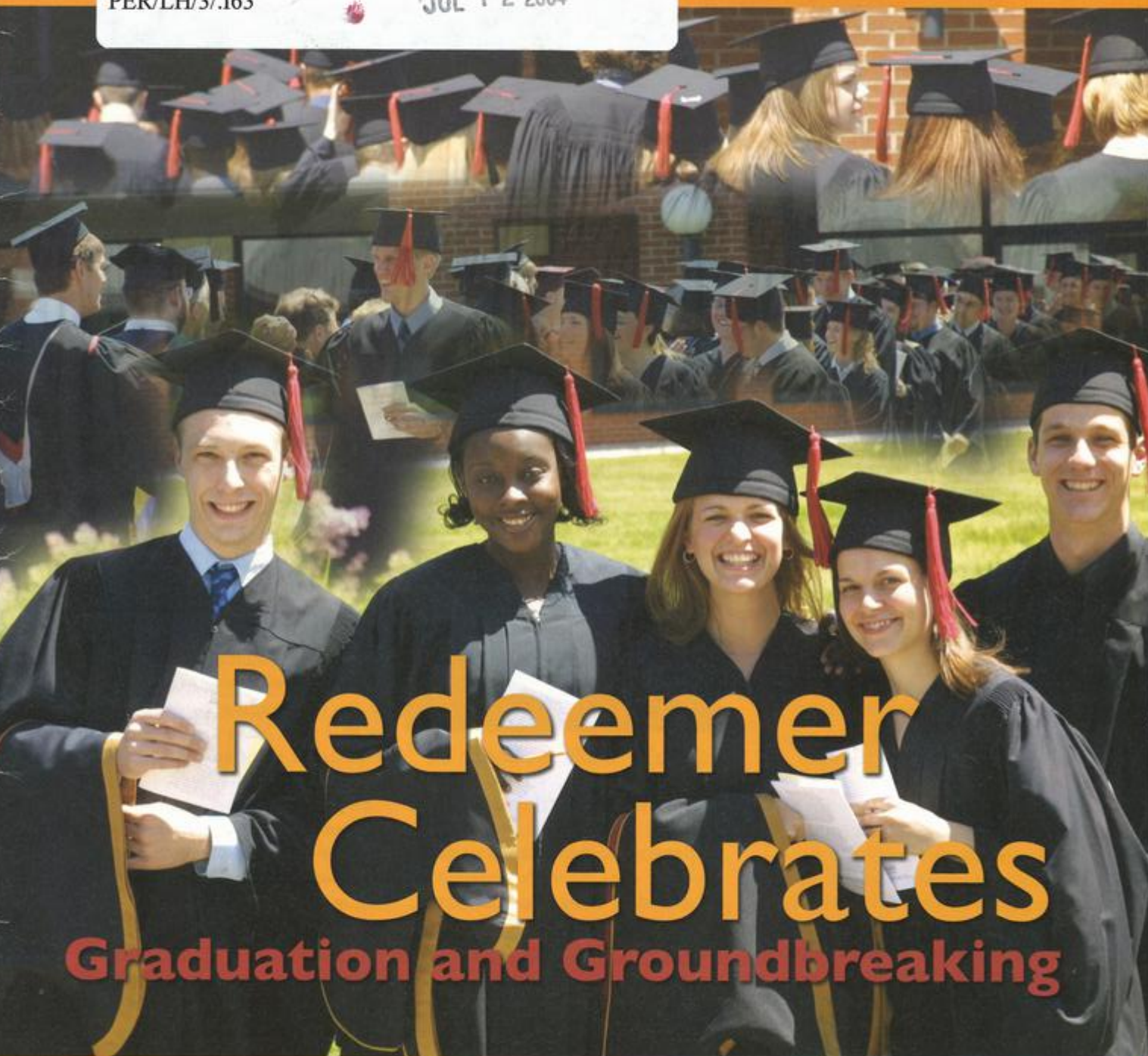
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Education for the Whole Person

by Justin D. Cooper

When I talk to parents and prospective students about a Christian university education at Redeemer, one of the expressions I often use is "education for the whole person—body, mind and spirit."

Perhaps it sounds somewhat like a catchy phrase, but it points to the fact that you can expect more from a Christian university education—a whole life experience that is intentionally designed and structured to help students grow, not just intellectually, but to develop other dimensions of the persons they were created to be: culturally, socially, emotionally and physically.

You could refer to it as a more holistic or a more integrated approach to education and personal formation that includes curricular and co-curricular facets, providing a rich tapestry of resources and opportunities. Such a Christian university education involves a variety of activities and programs in addition to the academic program in which students enroll, a diverse mosaic including such things as theatre and music, chapel and devotions, intramurals and athletic teams, student clubs and publications, volunteering and co-op or service learning.

Activities in these areas are not only encouraged institutionally but also guided by committed Christian faculty and staff who



"We're simply seeking to be obedient in reflecting the whole persons God created us to be and in living the abundant redeemed life Christ calls us to"

are knowledgeable, caring and expert at mentoring young people through rigorous training to develop their God-given gifts and potential in an attitude that seeks to promote excellence and service. Seen in this context, physical edu-

cation and athletics have a crucial role to play in the Christian liberal arts and sciences education we offer, whether in learning personal fitness, participating on intramural teams or playing for one of Redeemer's club or intercollegiate athletic teams. All of these provide physical training and enjoyment that also pay dividends in one's intellectual pursuits and overall sense of wellness.

And why would we expect it to be otherwise? We're simply seeking to be obedient in reflecting the whole persons God created us to be and in living the abundant redeemed life Christ calls us to, something I'm reminded of each year when I attend our Athletic Banquet and have the privilege of giving awards to the outstanding student-athletes of that year. They are excellent role models for all of our students and for all of us.

As you peruse this issue of *Images*, join me in giving thanks for our dedicated physical education faculty, and athletic and coaching staff for their devotion to their field or sport, their vision for Christian excellence and their ability to develop the athletic, team-building and leadership gifts of the students that are entrusted to them.

And next time you think of athletics at Redeemer, think of education for the whole person—body, mind and spirit—and of our call to present our bodies, our whole selves, as living sacrifices in praise of God. ■

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Earlier this year, Darren Lampson left Redeemer to begin doctoral studies at McMaster University. Darren was the Co-Editor of *Images* for three years, and the one responsible for all the design and layout. We thank him for the work that he has done at Redeemer, and wish him well in his studies.

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Redeemer University College is a Christian liberal arts and science university, offering courses and programs leading to a bachelor's degree. Redeemer serves over 800 students on its 90-acre campus on the outskirts of Hamilton.

Ground Breaks on Newly Named Library and Classroom Addition

On June 4, sod was turned to mark the ceremonial start to Redeemer's largest construction project since the campus was constructed in 1986. Construction on the 40,000 square-foot South Wing Addition, which will house new classrooms and an expanded library, is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed for the 2005-06 academic year.

In his remarks, Dr. Cooper noted that the Addition will enlarge the "footprint" of the academic building by almost one-third, and create a striking new face for the institution as seen from Garner Rd. (see renderings on the inside back cover). Deputy Mayor of the City of Hamilton Bill Kelly, and local MPP Ted McMeekin brought greetings, as did Dr. Carl Turkstra, Chair of Turkstra Lumber Co. Ltd., and son of Peter Turkstra, for whom the new library will be named.

Peter Turkstra was a firm believer in Christian education who saw the value of training young people for lives of service and influence in their communities. His business acumen and generous financial support were instrumental in Redeemer's formation in 1982 and in the construction of the Ancaster campus in 1986. Although Peter passed away in 2000, the Peter Turkstra Library will ensure that his legacy, and the vital role he played in Redeemer's early years, will not be forgotten.

The Peter Turkstra Library will occupy 25,000 square feet on the main floor of Redeemer University College's academic building.



Above: (l-r) Dr. Jacob Ellens, Vice President (Academic), President Cooper, Ms. Janny Eikelboom, Senior Director (Library and Information Services), Ms. Rita Klein-Geltink, Campaign Director, Mr. Brain Verheul, Chair of Redeemer's Board of Governors, and Dr. Carl Turkstra, Chairman, Turkstra Lumber Co. Ltd., break ground on the South Wing Addition. Right: Peter Turkstra was a strong advocate for Christian education at all levels



Along with stacks to accommodate Redeemer's 130,000 volume collection, the new library will include study areas, a library lounge, computer labs and training rooms, and special collection rooms.

The second floor of the South Addition will see thirteen new classrooms, which are needed to accommodate Redeemer's increasing enrolment. Some of these classrooms will feature new technology to assist faculty in their teaching, and some of the rooms will have movable walls to allow for different configurations. This will be especially helpful for Redeemer's

Conference Service staff as they

accommodate groups of differing sizes through the conference season. Several new offices and a faculty lounge are also part of this addition.

This \$6 million South Wing Addition is part of Redeemer's *Growing with Integrity* Campaign (see update on page 5). For more information on the Campaign, or to view updates, floor plans and additional drawings, please visit www.redeemer.on.ca/giving/integrity.htm



Ms Klein-Geltink and Dr. Cooper accept the CIBC's gift from Ray Gagne, Senior Vice President, and Jim Talbot, District Manager

CIBC Gift Highlights Breakthrough

During the June 4 Groundbreaking Ceremony, the CIBC presented a cheque for \$75,000 towards the *Growing with Integrity* Campaign. This marks the second of Canada's chartered banks, the Bank of Nova Scotia was the first, to make a substantial contribution to the Campaign, and pushes the total giving from non-traditional supporters to over \$1 million. "This truly is a remarkable achievement," notes Ms Rita Klein-Geltink, Director of the Campaign. "It is wonderful to see individuals and businesses who do not have a historic connection to Redeemer come to develop an appreciation for this institution and to provide financial support."

Campaign Passes Halfway Mark

With thanks to God, Redeemer is pleased to announce that the *Growing with Integrity* Campaign has surpassed the halfway point in meeting its goal. As of early June, over \$6.7 million dollars has been raised towards the \$12.5 in donations needed (another \$2.5 million will be raised in investment funding). In addition to those funds already committed, \$200,000 has been earmarked for the Campaign through various planned giving vehicles.

Regional Campaign Events

As part of the Campaign, Redeemer is hosting a series of dinner events in communities across the province. The evenings give Redeemer supporters the opportunity to mingle with one another over dinner and to hear Dr. Craig Bartholomew, Redeemer's H. Evan Runner Professor of Philosophy, speak on the importance of Christ-centred education at all levels. Although donations are not requested at the dinner, the Campaign Team does take the opportunity to describe Redeemer's development plans.

The first of these events were held in St. Catharines, London and Kitchener, and gifts and pledges resulting from these events are approaching the \$2 million mark. Thanks go to all those who attended the events, and especially to the supporters who have covered the cost of the dinners. More events are being planned for other parts of the province, and a special information evening will be held for supporters from the Canadian Reformed community.

Kitty Murray Lane Upgrades Highlight Infrastructure Improvements

In developing its new Master Plan, Redeemer has had to consider a number of improvements to its campus infrastructure. As part of this, Redeemer is working with the City of Hamilton and the Ancaster Fairgrounds to see Kitty Murray, the street bordering Redeemer's property to the west, paved and "pulled through" to Stonehenge Rd. to the north. This will also allow Redeemer to improve the road that leads from the west side of the campus to Kitty Murray.

New sewer and water lines will also be laid through the campus this summer. Although perhaps not as glamorous as the South Wing Addition or new residences, these projects are critical aspects of the campus expansion, and are part of the *Growing with Integrity* Campaign.

Honourary Degree for De Bolster

Surrounded by enough family and friends to overflow Convocation Hall, Rev. Henry R. De Bolster, President Emeritus of Redeemer University College, was awarded a Honourary Doctor of Divinity degree from McMaster University.

Rev. Dr. De Bolster was bestowed this honour in recognition of his many years as a Minister of the Word, and for his tireless work in developing Christian university education in Alberta and Ontario. De Bolster was part of the original Alberta Christian College Association, which would eventually lead to the formation of The King's University College in Edmonton, AB. When he later returned to Ontario to pastor a church in St. Catharines, he was Chairman of the Ontario Christian College Association, which became Redeemer University College. He would go on to serve Redeemer for 13 years as its founding President.

In his introductory remarks, Dr. Peter George, President of McMaster University, noted that Rev. De Bolster was a "faithful pastor and



McMaster University President Dr. Peter George, and Chancellor Mr. Melvin M. Hawkrigg, confer Rev. De Bolster a Honourary Doctorate of Divinity.

visionary educator," who strived to follow God's calling. Although this led to an adventurous life, Dr. George noted that it was not without its adversity, especially in those years of Redeemer's infancy.

Rev. Dr. De Bolster was also honoured by giving the Address at the Divinity College Convocation. In his remarks, De Bolster encouraged the graduates to persevere as disciples in their service and submission to Christ, no matter what the cost. He concluded his address with "Soli Deo Gloria!" – to God's glory alone – a rallying call for all Christians, and a fitting tribute to his own life as well. ■

The story of Redeemer's early years has been recounted in Rev. De Bolster's book, **Stepping Forward in Faith**, published in 2001.

Late last year, De Bolster published a second book, about his personal life and career in ordained ministry. **Struggles and Blessings – The Pilgrimage of Henry R.**

De Bolster is his story, told primarily as a memoir to his children and grandchildren. But it is an autobiography that also tells of God's faithfulness through more than 50 sometimes turbulent years of church history across two continents.

Rev. Dr. De Bolster's books are available from the Redeemer Campus Bookstore.



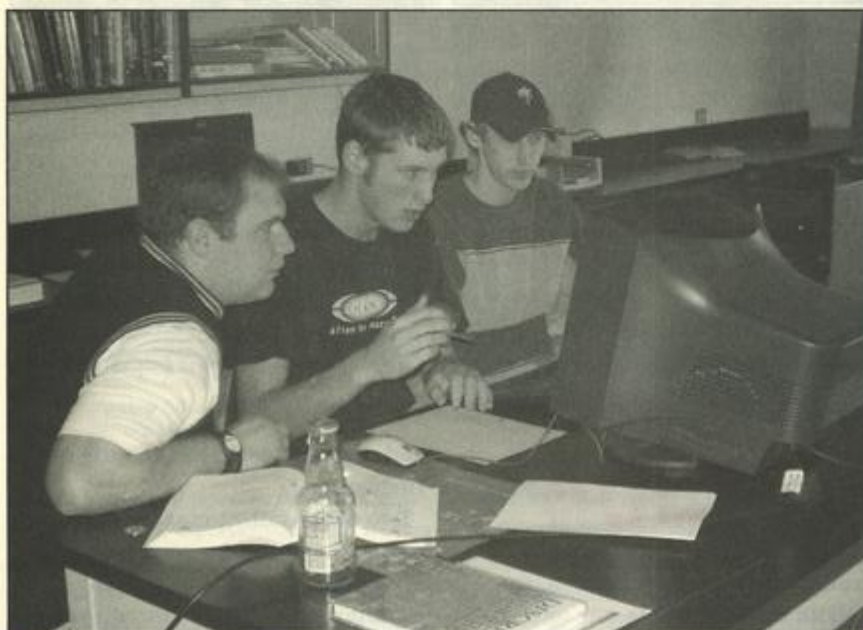
President Cooper Re-Appointed

At its June 5 meeting, the Board of Governors unanimously passed a motion to reappoint Dr. Justin Cooper for a six-year term as President of Redeemer University College. On behalf of the Executive Committee, Board Chair Brian Verheul expressed his gratitude to and his appreciation of Dr. Cooper for his expertise and tireless efforts in making Redeemer the educational institution it has become. "Redeemer indeed is blessed to have had a president such as Justin Cooper, and (we) trust he will continue his task

to the best of his ability. We pledge him our support."

As part of the review process, the Board sought feedback from many within the Redeemer community and from other university presidents. Mr. Verheul also noted that the interview with Dr. Cooper was a moving experience for many on the Board, providing them with affirmation that it is the Lord's will that he continue to serve as President. Dr. Cooper's appointment is effective July 1, 2004.

Students Compete in National Programming Competition



Computer Science students Matthew West, Art Smit, and Jason Ploegman participate in on-line contest.



Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

On Saturday April 3, three teams, each consisting of three computer science students, participated in a programming contest representing Redeemer University College. Students participated remotely over the Internet with other Christian colleges and universities. Each team was given 6 programming problems which had to be solved using C/C++ or Java within a 4 hour time frame. Although our students didn't win, they enjoyed the opportunity to compete with others and are looking forward to participating again next year.

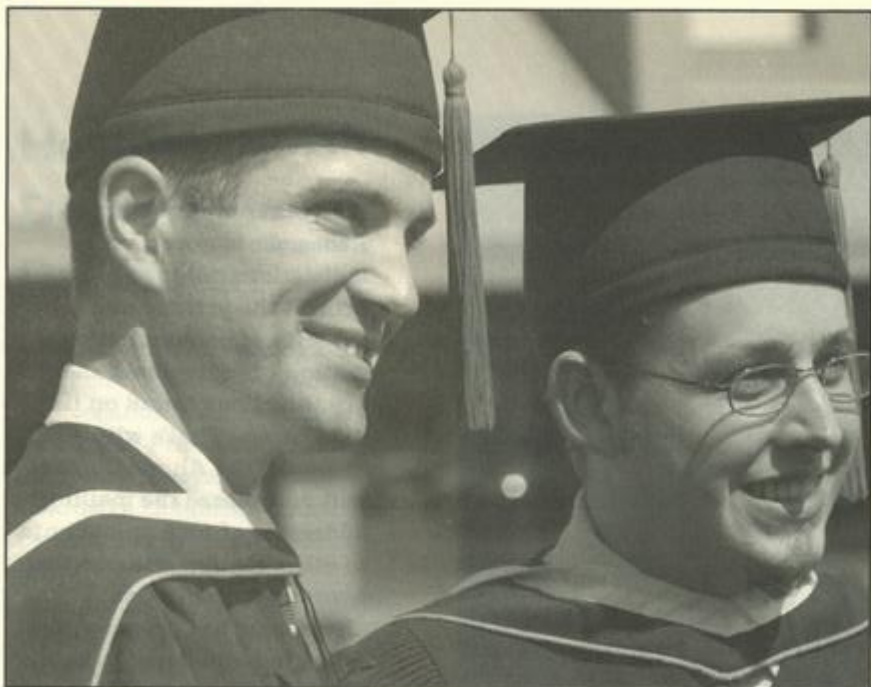
The contest was organized by Taylor University in Indiana, and was open to member schools of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, an international higher education association of intentionally Christian colleges and universities based in Washington, DC. As a member of the CCCU, Redeemer students are able to take advantage of a number of collaborative activities, including several overseas study programs (see related story on p. 16). Redeemer's faculty engage with scholars from other CCCU institutions on research projects, and senior administrators work together to forward the cause of Christian higher education in North America and around the world. ■

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Like other organizations, Redeemer is governed by legislation designed to protect the privacy and security of personal information of individuals and organizations found on its data bases. That's why, for example, the Alumni Office will not release the mailing addresses of former students to other alumni without their expressed permission.

Redeemer has prepared the following statement to summarize our responsibility and commitment to those whose personal information is stored and used by the institution:

Redeemer University College respects your privacy. We protect your personal information and adhere to all legislative requirements with respect to protecting privacy. We do not rent, sell or trade our mailing lists. Any information you provide will be used to deliver services and to keep you informed and up to date on the activities of Redeemer University College, including programs, services, special events, funding needs, opportunities to volunteer or give, open houses and more periodic contacts. If at any time you wish to be removed from any of these mailings, simply contact us toll free at 1-877-779-0913 or via email at stewardship@redeemer.on.ca and we will accommodate your request.



Family and friends of all ages celebrate with the graduates

Graduation 2004

The Redeemer community celebrated the accomplishments of its graduates on May 29 with the 19th Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees. A record 137 graduates earned bachelors degrees in Arts, Sciences, and Christian Education.

Keynote speaker Dr. Janet Epp Buckingham, the Director for Public Policy at the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, encouraged graduates to live out their Christian calling in an increasingly secularist world. She challenged them, and all Christians, to engage our culture, but at the same time to follow Christ's model of being

"radical non-conformists" to the spirits that dominate our age. In particular, she cautioned that we be aware of the materialism, relativism, and the culture of tolerance that pervades our culture.

A number of students were recognized at the ceremony for special achievements: Rita Klein-Geltink received the Governor-General's Award for having the highest academic standing of the graduating class, and Brian Dijkema, who also was the Class Speaker, received the Faculty Award, which is given annually to the graduate "who best exemplifies academic excellence, Christian leadership, and

active participation in the life of Redeemer."

Two other milestones were recognized during the ceremony. President Emeritus Rev. Henry De Boltster, received an Honourary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Divinity College of McMaster University (see p. 5). Dr. M. Elaine Botha, who is retiring this year, was awarded Emerita status as Professor of Philosophy (see p. 17).

Following a tradition that dates back to the first graduating class, the Class of 2004 presented a gift to Redeemer: a stainless steel and limestone bench. The bench, designed and built by Hamilton-area artisan Floyd Elzinga, has Redeemer's Coat of Arms engraved on the backrest and sits for all to use in the Front Quad. ■

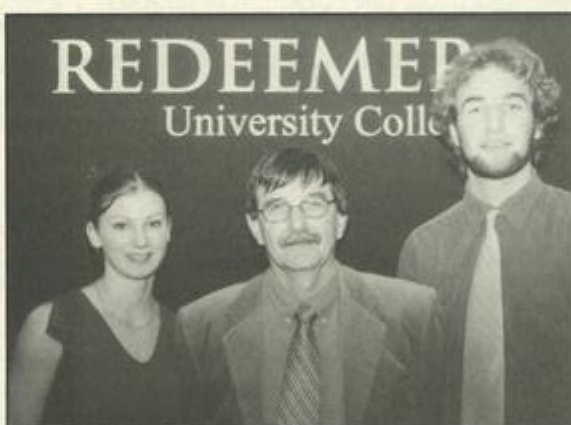
From left to right: Dr. Janet Epp Buckingham, the graduating class gift, Dr. Koyzis with Brian Dijkema, Rita Klein-Geltink



Annual Athletic Awards



Assistant Professor of Physical Education Al Brown with Cassandra Sauder and Eric Bulthuis, Redeemer's Athletes of the Year.



Scholar Athletes April Luymes and Mark Van Ooyen with Dean of Students Fred Schat.

As noted elsewhere in *Images*, athletics plays a substantial role in the life of students. On April 7, 2004, a number of student-athletes were honoured for their contributions at the 17th Annual Athletic Awards Ceremony and Banquet, also known as the Boar Head's Supper. A complete list of the awards, as well as year-end summaries of varsity and club teams can be found at www.redeemer.on.ca/athletics

CCAA All Academic Awards:

Awarded to those students who are recognized as provincial all-stars in their sport while maintaining Dean's Honour list standing:

Kassandra Sauder (Women's Soccer), a second-year student from Hamilton

Brenda Koetsier Brouwer '04 (Women's Soccer)

Jakob Van Dorp (Provincial Silver Medal in Cross-Country), a second-year student from Wiarton, ON

19 OCAA All Academic Awards were also handed out for participation in a varsity sport and achieving academic honours.

Redeemer Scholar Athletes:

Recognizing excellence in both Athletics and Academics

Female: April Luymes '04, from Cornwall, PEI, was captain for both the outdoor and indoor soccer teams.

Male: Mark Van Ooyen '04, from Burnaby, BC, was an OCAA West All-star in Volleyball and played outdoor Soccer.

Redeemer Scholar Athletes:

Recognizing Outstanding Performance, Dedication and Commitment

Female: Kassandra Sauder was noted for her outstanding leadership to both the indoor and outdoor Soccer teams. Kassandra was named an OCAA Women's West Region

All-star in outdoor soccer and Redeemer's MVP in both outdoor and indoor Soccer. She also received CCAA and OCAA All Academic awards.

Male: Eric Bulthuis '04

from Grimsby, ON was named Male Athlete of the Year for the second year in a row. In 2003-04, Eric was the OCAA's Top Scorer with a 21.6 points per game average, and named to West Region All-star Basketball team.

Active Lifestyle Award:

Professor of English and dedicated squash player **Hugh Cook** was recognized for pursuing and encouraging active living among the Redeemer Staff and Faculty.

Redeemer Intramural Player

of the Year: Jon Brinkman, a second-year student from Chatham, ON, was recognized for his dedicated participation and competition throughout the entire intramural season, and for demonstrating a high standard of fair play and sportsmanship overall. ■

FEATURE STORY

Athletics play a central role in the lives of many Redeemer students. Whether through playing competitively on varsity or club teams, enjoying the camaraderie that comes from participating in intramurals, or cheering for teams during home games, Redeemer student athletes and the fans who support them contribute much to campus life.

In this issue of *Images*, Redeemer alumnus and self-confessed sports-nut Jack Klooster '96, highlights some of the ways in which extra-curricular sports impact the campus, and how the Athletic Department supports the athletes that play them.

Playing with a Purpose

Club and Varsity Athletes Strive for Balance and Focus

By Jack Klooster

Going to college is a huge step in an individual's life. Quite often it's the first opportunity for a young person to get out "on their own," and get away from home for the first time. Students have to become independent and learn how to cope with a variety of new experiences and choices. There is the decision of choosing a major, and perhaps career goals for the future. There are new relationships to be fostered, moral and personal values that will most definitely be challenged, and of course, the increased academic demands of university life.

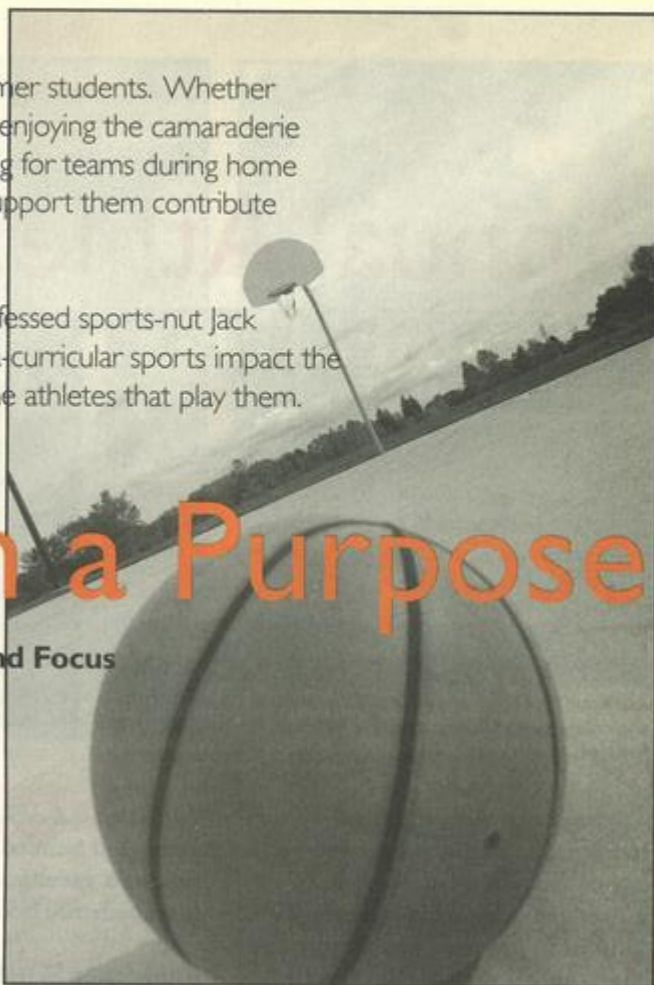
Although these new challenges and demands may take their toll, for many students there is one area that they will not sacrifice – sports. Frank Mahulo is a second-year soccer playing-student from Nairobi, Kenya. "I didn't know a lot about Redeemer before I came," he says, "but I *knew* that I would be playing soccer." It's not surprising that so many students want to continue to play the sports they played at high school. The love of the game, the joy of competition, the sense of accomplishment that comes from meeting challenge—all those qualities are still there in collegiate athletics. Especially for those students who come from smaller high

schools, the level of competition, and the potential rewards, are even higher.

For some students, participation in varsity sports is also an important socialization vehicle. "When I came to Redeemer," notes Kenya's Mahulo, "I didn't know anybody; soccer was a great way to get involved in campus life, and to start building friendships." Even a campus that is relatively small in comparison to other universities can be overwhelmingly large if there is no way to make contacts with other students. A common thread, like sports, can be an ideal way to get to know others.

But still, playing varsity sports at the collegiate level is demanding, and not something that can be done lightly. Sarah Vanderlinde, a fourth-year Mathematics major from Sarnia, ON played high school volleyball for three years. "When I came to Redeemer, I wanted to keep playing volleyball, but I wasn't sure I could commit to playing varsity." Vanderlinde found a good

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balance by opting instead to play Club Volleyball.

Both Mahulo and Vanderlinde also point out that the structured nature of varsity

and club sports is also an incentive to keep physically fit, something that can be a challenge for otherwise desk-bound students. "It's a release, something different," notes Vanderlinde; "keeping physically fit helps keep me mentally strong as well."

The Athletic Department has always maintained that Redeemer student-athletes are just that – students first, and athletes second. "We understand that varsity athletes face a number of challenges," comments Betty Steenbeek, Assistant Director of Athletics at Redeemer. "Because academics is a priority, we always ensure that there is a support system in place to help them out. And it's not just here at Redeemer; the entire Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) stresses and



We not only want to work to help the students become better athletes, but also better people.

promotes academic athletic awards. They too believe that academics is the reason that these athletes are in school." Steenbeek notes this emphasis is paying off: In 2003-04, Redeemer varsity student-athletes earned a total of 19

Provincial and 3 National Academic awards (see p. 9).

Redeemer Athletics, however, promote more than academic and athletic merit. As Christians, all of us are called to be disciples of God in all that we do, something that is recognized in the Athletic Department Code of Ethics. The Code, which all Redeemer athletes are required to sign, summarizes both the mission and ultimate purpose of the program: "The Athletic Program at Redeemer provides an opportunity to grow together physically, mentally,

socially, and spiritually...We believe that all we do must be for the glory of God."

The Code adopts the position that athletes are ambassadors of Jesus Christ in all their athletic endeavours. "It's an amazing opportunity for this small Christian University to be participating in the OCAA," comments Frances Manias-Jack-
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In 2003-04, over 140 students participated at the varsity level. Redeemer fielded teams in indoor and outdoor soccer, volleyball, basketball, hockey and cross-country. An additional 35 students played club volleyball and basketball.

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son, Athletic Coordinator at Redeemer.

"It means that our athletes are on a mission field everyday."

The Redeemer Athletic Department ensures that athletes get all the support they need: workout and diet

plans for their bodies, support systems to ensure that their academic needs are met, and, just as importantly, guidance and encouragement for their spiritual development. "It all comes down to: 'how can we live out our faith in what we do?'" notes Manias-Jackson. "We not only want to work to help the students become better athletes, but also better people. It's all about our support for one another, and the student's responsibility. How are they going to take this opportunity and make an impact?"

It was mentioned earlier in this article that "Redeemer athletes are students first and athletes second." Perhaps it would be better to amend that order: First, they are disciples of God, then students, then athletes. The Athletic Department strives to reflect what Paul says in his letter to Timothy: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness" (2 Timothy 4:7-8). ■

A Boisterous Part of Campus Life



Loud and lively – Fans cheer on the Royals during a recent volleyball game.

The impact of varsity and club sports at Redeemer has always gone beyond just the athletes that play them. In Redeemer's early days, busloads of fans would climb the glass and raise the roof at the Olympic Arena in Dundas, watching a hockey team that lost every game for nearly two years. Today, it is not uncommon to have several hundred Redeemer supporters cheering on Royals teams in a number of sports. "Home games are a huge part of student life," says Fred Schat, Dean of Students. "They create a sense of excitement on campus, and contribute to the cohesiveness of the student body. It may be a bit of a hokey term, but varsity games really do develop 'school spirit.'" There is a raucous, festive

atmosphere at the games, with Rex, the Redeemer mascot leading the cheers, and many students using pots and pans from their dorms as (very effective) noise makers. The Athletic Department promotes attendance and interest with incentives such as the "Best Seat in the House" – a chance for students to watch the game court-side from a couch, with snacks and other goodies provided.

"Our varsity athletes really appreciate the support they get from our fans," notes Assistant Director of Athletics Betty Steenbeek, "and we've had a number of teams from other colleges comment on how much they enjoyed playing here because of the energy that the fans bring to the game." ■



Number One and Having Fun — Spanky McAmor 2001 Intramural Basketball Champions (Competitive Division), wait to be awarded the prestigious Golden Buffy Award

Fun and/in Games

The Author Reflects on Intramurals at Redeemer

It's 10:00 o'clock at night. You're kicking back in the dorm with your mates. Studying is done, a grueling five minutes of intensity that will beckon you another day. Supper has been eaten, filling another 5-minute void. And the dishes? Well... they won't be any dirtier tomorrow, and after all, tomorrow is somebody else's day to cook. You are all talked out, and there is at least 4 hours to go until even your first thoughts of bed. So now what? What to do to fill those hours?

For me and hundreds of other students, this was the time to take to the court, field, bowling alley, or even Ivor Wynne Stadium to participate in intramurals.

Over the years, the intramural program has played a large role in the lives of many Redeemer students. For those who are not varsity-level athletes, it has been a chance to play a game they love, or are just mildly fond of, and to be fit and active. Intramurals are great fun, and an active form of fellowship that creates community with other students.

The highlight of my intramural career was the camaraderie that developed with teammates. The

fun was in just getting out – whether it was with some friends to form a ball hockey team that had no chance of scoring 2 goals in a game, let alone winning one, or the basketball team we set up with a bunch of other first-years we hardly knew.

During the 2003-04 academic year, the Redeemer Intramural program featured twelve sports, including outdoor and indoor soccer, table tennis, dodge ball, and beach volleyball (I won't start the debate on whether or not bowling is a sport). To accommodate different skill levels, most of the sports feature a competitive and non-competitive division; to accommodate all students, games often begin at 10:00 pm, which is when night classes end.

Through intramurals, the Athletic Department has ensured that lovers of all sports will find a place to play and participate. Staying fit while studying is important, and the bonding that comes with it could last a lifetime. ■

Jack Klooster serves as Youth Director at Community Christian Reformed Church in Richmond Hill, ON.

Redeemer Foundation Celebrates Fifteen Years of Rewarding Excellence



- 1 Jillian Jarnick and her parents Nancy and Stephen, came up from Oakville for the evening
- 2 Sign in here please: With over 200 guests attending, there was bound to be some waiting
- 3 Teresa De Vries, from Harriston, ON, receives her Registration Package from Admissions Counsellor Cam Stretch
- 4 During a break, Esther Dillabough chats with Admissions Counsellor Laura Trapasso and Chemistry Professor Dr. Henry Brouwer
- 5 Vice-President Rob Joustra and General Senator Richard Oosterhof make a point during a Student Panel hosted by Student Senate
- 6 See – it's not that bad: Jennifer Alkema, from Pugwash Junction, NS, has her interview with Assistant Professor of Sociology Dr. Tim Epp and third-year student Maria Dekker
- 7 During the Banquet, Assistant Professor of English Dr. Deborah Bowen chats with Sarah Bestvater from Essex, ON

Students have gifts in a wide range of areas, and Redeemer University College is pleased to reward many of them by way of a scholarship. One of the largest and most accessible award programs available to incoming students is the Leadership and Academic Achievement Scholarship Program, funded by the Redeemer Foundation.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of this program, which is highlighted by having students come to campus for an interview with Redeemer faculty and students as part of the scholarship application process.

More than 220 people, including parents and other guests, took part in the Scholarship Night on March 26, 2004. Beyond the interviews, students and parents participated in workshops and information sessions organized by the Foundation and the Admissions Office. They also enjoyed a banquet dinner in the Cafeteria, lectures, and a variety of other activities on campus.

But the main focus of the evening was the interview sessions. Twenty-one teams, consisting of faculty, staff and student volunteers, interviewed 83 students during the evening for the 20 Leadership and 10 Academic Achievement scholarships.

Although the interview sessions can be somewhat stressful for the students (and perhaps their parents), the Foundation received a number of very positive comments on the entire program from both students and parents alike. Throughout these pages are some photos taken during the course of the evening.

The Recipients

The following students have been awarded Foundation Scholarships for the 2004-05 Academic Year:

Academic and Leadership - \$4500

Victor Laarman – St. Paul's, ON

Academic Achievement Scholarship - \$2500

The Redeemer Foundation Academic Achievement Scholarships are worth up to \$10,000 over four years (providing the student continues to meet the criteria upon which the scholarship was granted). Students must present an average of at least 90% to be eligible for this scholarship.

Heather Alblas – Ancaster, ON
Leah Ensing – Surrey, BC
Sarah Groot-Nibbelink – Frankford, ON
Aileen Hoving – Cornwall, PEI
Amanda Knowles – Keswick, ON
Krista Wolters – Fredericton, NB

Leadership Scholarship - \$2000

The Redeemer Foundation Leadership Scholarships are worth \$2,000 each, payable in the first year of studies. Applicants for the Leadership Scholarship are nominated by their pastors, youth leaders, principals, or guidance counsellors, or they apply directly themselves. The Leadership Scholarship seeks to reward those students who have demonstrated noteworthy leadership qualities in school, or through Christian service in the church or community in such areas as athletics, fine arts, journalism, student government, or youth work.

Brooke Bishop – Richmond Hill, ON
Alicia Crosty – Ajax, ON
Mark De Vos – Cambridge, ON
Esther Dillabough – Eldorado, ON
Jessica Gringhuis – Troy, ON
Karis Hogendoorn – London, ON
Christopher Howlett – Truro, NS
Eleanor Kennedy – Minesing, ON
Amy Koopmans – Peterborough, ON
Fritz Louw – Oakville, ON
Kevin Makins – Hamilton, ON
Lisa Million – Ajax, ON
John Reinink – Auburn, ON
Kyle Schroeder – Pembroke, ON
Kristine Switzer – Finch, ON
Janine Siemans – Alymer, ON

Janessa Van Daalen – St. Catharines, ON
Nicole Van Eyk – Abbotsford, ON
Chelsea Wagner – Albion, NY
Daniel Wilson – Burlington, ON
Marta Wisniewska – Hamilton, ON

Congratulations to all the winners! And thanks to all who participated in making this event a great success, including the 200 members of the Foundation, whose generosity makes all this possible. The Foundation thanks God for the opportunity to award the gifts, hard work and effort of future Redeemer students.

The Redeemer Foundation

The Redeemer Foundation, the sponsor of this event, is a charitable organization set up to assist students with the cost of attending Redeemer University College. Governed by its own Board of Trustees, the Foundation offers a number of different financial aid programs. Besides the Leadership and Academic Achievement Scholarships, the Foundation also offers scholarships for returning students and a unique Forgivable Loan Program.

For more information on the Foundation and its programs, visit www.redeemerfoundation.org

The Play's the Thing....

Redeemer students spend semester at Oxford University in England

In January, five Redeemer English majors took the opportunity to participate in a three-month off-campus program on a small, soggy island off the coast of Europe commonly referred to as Great Britain. The ABU-Oxford Study Program, coordinated from Atlantic Baptist University in Moncton, New Brunswick, hosted a total of 17 students from four different universities.

While there, we lived with hosts in Charlbury, a town of about 5000 residents, a 15-minute train ride from the city of Oxford. Lectures took place in one of two churches in Charlbury or at Regent's Park College in Oxford itself.

The program is designed to cultivate our appreciation for the works of Shakespeare and broaden our understanding of the history of drama. Beyond the drama courses, taken at Oxford itself, our group watched a number of plays in a variety of theatres, including one unforgettable night in London watching Dame Judi Dench in a production of *All's Well That Ends Well*. And to wrap it all up, three weeks before the end of the term, the 17 of us pulled together a production of William Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*. In 5 ½ days, our group managed to design the posters, construct the set, scrounge together the props, fit the costumes, memorize the script, rehearse the actions and perform the abridged, hour-an-a-half package to the astonished praise of Charlbury residents and Oxford



Heidi Ellens, Tina Koopmans, Joel Rusthoven, Sam Martin, Jenn Van Breda in costume after their performance of *Love's Labour's Lost*.

professors alike.

When we were not studying, watching or doing theatre, we amused our Canadian palates and inquisitiveness with countless British cultural curiosities such as black pudding, hot custard, bookshops and choral evensongs. Other highlights included a trip to the British Parliament to sit in on the House of Commons and House of Lords, sessions which managed to arouse a surprising amount of political interest in most everyone. Oxford opened up the Bodleian Library and its jaw-dropping eight million books to us. And a trip to the *Eagle and Child*, the pub in which C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien forged Narnia and Middle Earth, definitely brought out some childlike exhilaration.

But in a country whose history goes on for more than five millennia, all the castles, cathedrals, grave mounds, monuments, chalk horses, universities, famous figures, literature and pubs in the country cannot communicate the whole experience of becoming a part of a new culture. Still we found success in completing the program, on our own terms, with both a group and an individual sense of accomplishment, reflecting the cooperation that best encapsulates the spirit of off-campus programs. ■

Joel Rusthoven is a fourth-year English major from Ancaster, ON

There were also a number of Redeemer students who studied at the Sorbonne in Paris this past year. Their story will appear in a subsequent issue of Images.

Banana Bread at the Academy

Dr. Botha's career marked by a passion for integrating faith and learning

"I knew that this would be an enormous challenge at this stage of my professional life. But yet I sensed this to be a calling from God, something that I simply had to do." That is how Dr. Elaine Botha describes her reaction to the invitation to become Redeemer's Vice President (Academic) in 1995. As she looks back on her time here, which formally came to an end this May with her retirement, Dr. Botha acknowledges that it certainly was a challenge, but one that was rewarding as well.

Dr. Botha's first years at Redeemer were marked by two significant events. First was the financial challenges of the mid-nineties. "It was so difficult to tell colleagues that they had to be let go. And yet, I was constantly amazed at how staff and faculty were willing to sacrifice for the institution. It struck me early in my tenure that this was a unique community." The second event was considerably more joyful – the change in Redeemer's charter in 1998 to allow granting of the B.A. and B.Sc. degrees. "It was a privilege to follow on the work (previous VPAs) Justin Cooper and Vince van Dijk had done in seeing this come to pass."

In 2000, Dr. Botha left the VPA's office to become Director of Faculty Development and Director of the Dooyeweerd Centre. It also allowed her to return to the classroom. "I love teaching," she says. "To see students develop from timid first-years to confi-



"I don't think I will ever completely retire," she says, "I am far too dependent on social interaction to withdraw from my colleagues and students."

dent, almost cocky graduates, ready to take on the world, is so rewarding." Being freed from the demands of academic administration also allowed Dr. Botha to develop, on many fronts, her passion to promote the integration of faith and learning.

As she would demonstrate in the classes that she taught (much to the delight of hungry students), Dr. Botha likens the relation of faith and learning to banana bread – you can't separate the

bananas from the rest of the loaf. "Too often we treat our faith like raisins in a loaf of raisin bread – little pieces that can be dropped in or picked out." As Director of Faculty Development, Dr. Botha also assisted Redeemer faculty in working this integration out in their own discipline by developing reading lists and organizing conferences. And she has made use of her numerous connections with scholars around the world to advance the idea of integration. "Part of our mission as reformed scholars is to share this idea with other Christian scholars and to develop it."

Dr. Botha's retirement will begin with an extended visit to South Africa. Starting in January, she will be in Denmark, where she has been invited to teach a course on Metaphor and Religion at the Centre for Semiotics. Much of Dr. Botha's recent scholarly work has been on metaphor, and one of the projects she is working on is an academic book that examines how our understanding of language is based on the use of metaphor. She has also been encouraged to write an autobiography that focuses on her work in struggle against apartheid and in the reconciliation process that followed.

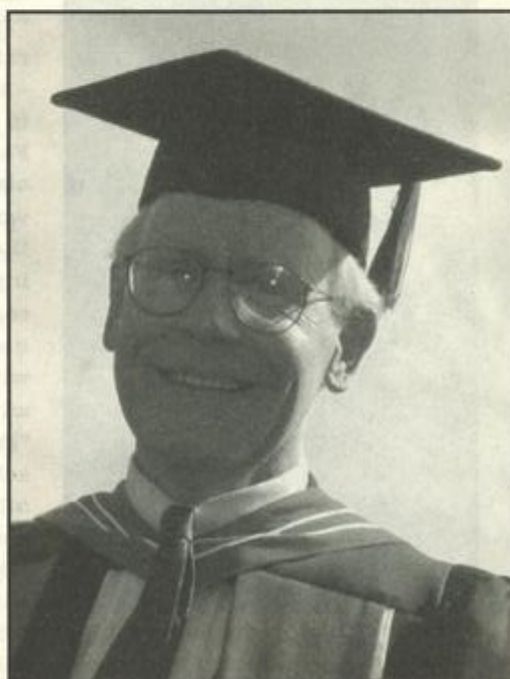
"I don't think I will ever completely retire," she says, "I am far too dependent on social interaction to withdraw from my colleagues and students." Faculty and students at Redeemer and other institutions will be blessed if Dr. Botha's path eventually crosses their own. ■

Program Review Process Nears Completion

As a member of the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), Redeemer has been involved in a province-wide initiative designed to promote the quality of its undergraduate programs.

The COU set up the Undergraduate Program Review Audit Committee (UPRAC) to evaluate programs of its member institutions. The goal of the process is to ensure that each department of each university across the province practices what it sets out to do as described in its departmental mission statement and course syllabi.

The extensive process includes both a self-evaluation by the department and a review by an external team consisting of faculty from other institutions. Redeemer's Vice President (Academic) Dr. Jacob Ellens points out that the UPRAC has been accommodating to Redeemer's unique nature: "What has been interesting in the whole pro-



cess is that the COU wants to encourage diversity amongst its members. As a result, we have had external reviewers challenge our faculty to articulate more clearly just how they incorporate Redeemer's distinctly Christian mission into their curriculum."

Although the review process is time-consuming and expensive, Dr. Ellens believes it to be well worth the effort. "On one hand, it helps us to be more effective because it identifies what we are doing well and where we need to improve. But it also helps Redeemer build academic credibility among the universities and scholars with whom we and our faculty interact on a regular basis."

Twenty-two academic departments have been reviewed, and Redeemer expects to receive the final audited report later this year. Although this is the first formal review by the UPRAC, the plan is to review each department on a seven-year cycle. ■

New Faculty Appointment in History

Redeemer is pleased to announce that Dr.

Norman Fennema has accepted a tenure-stream appointment to join our faculty in the History Department beginning on 1 July 2004. Dr.

Fennema earned his Ph.D. from the University of Victoria in 2003. His dissertation examined the history of government regulation of religious broadcasting in Canada. Dr. Fennema is a specialist in Canadian History and is also trained to teach

in American history as well as Western and World history. He hopes to continue to do research in the area of the role of religion in the Canadian public square.

This opening in the History Department was created when Dr. Ellens accepted the position of Vice President (Academic). We look forward to welcoming Dr. Fennema to the Redeemer community.

Adjunct Status Brings Benefits

Imagine an engineer at Ford working "on-the-side" at General Motors, and having his employer consider it a privilege. Although it may sound strange in most other professions, it is fairly common amongst universities through the granting of Adjunct Status to scholars from other institutions.

The situation of Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science Dr. Edward Berkelaar is typical of the Redeemer faculty who have been granted adjunct status at other universities. Berkelaar received an appointment in the Department of Land Resource Science (LRS) at the University of Guelph in November, 2003. Over the course of his appointment, which will end in October, 2006, he will be expected to serve on the occasional advisory committee for graduate students in that department.

In return, Dr. Berkelaar is able to access Guelph's library and use the LRS' lab, which contains very sophisticated equipment, at a minimal cost. This summer, for example, he will do some experiments at Redeemer and then go to Guelph to analyse the samples to measure for cadmium (a toxic metal) concentrations.

Perhaps even more valuable, however, are the contacts made during these appointments. Dr. Derek Schuurman, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, has an appointment as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at McMaster University. He notes



Dr. Edward Berkelaar



Dr. Derek Schuurman

that "the opportunity to collaborate and interact with other researchers...is particularly important when you work in a small department and in a discipline that is rapidly changing."

Those contacts also generate some awareness of Redeemer at other institutions, which has benefits for students. For example, Dr. Berkelaar "hopes to have Redeemer students doing research with me at Guelph in the future, and it would be very beneficial for them to have an opportunity to learn how to use the analytical equipment and to make some contacts there — especially for students who plan to go to graduate school." ■

Redeemer Faculty with Adjunct Appointments:

Dr. Edward Berkelaar

Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Environmental Science Department of Land Resource Science at the University of Guelph

Dr. Derek Schuurman

Assistant Professor of Computer Science Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at McMaster University

Dr. Gary Chiang

Professor of Biology Department of Biology, McMaster University

Dr. Mike Goheen

Associate Professor of Religion and Theology Worldview and Education Graduate Program in Administrative Leadership Trinity Western University Langley, British Columbia, Canada

Dr. Wytse van Dijk

Professor of Physics and Mathematics Department of Physics & Astronomy, McMaster University

Dr. Kevin VanderMeulen

Associate Professor of Mathematics Department of Mathematics and Statistics, McMaster University

I love to tell a story...

Assistant Professor of Education Jo Kuyvenhoven on the importance of storytelling

When I tell a new acquaintance I am a storyteller, our meeting is suddenly warmed by the other's happy and pleasant associations. Storytelling is one of those delicious words. It conjures snuggling children, good books, camp fires and the best part of a family reunion. When I say that I am a storyteller in education, my listener thinks of libraries, pre-school, church school, circle time and reading aloud. When my new friend asks me more about storytelling, a little frown furrow grows: "You tell for grown ups?" "Really? For festivals of hundreds who actually pay to hear a storyteller?"

Yes!

The word "storyteller" has a rather archaic ring these days. Now, our storytellers are on videos, DVD's, interactive web sites, books on tape and library shelves. However, in an age of technology and print the hunger for a story filtered through the life of an ordinary person is suddenly sharp. In Canada (as in the U.S.) storytelling is increasingly popular. For example, the Toronto International Festival of Storytelling drew more than two thousand listeners last February. And Storytellers of Canada, with more than 150 self-declared storytellers in its directory, is a decade old.

Listeners and tellers get together to share lives, think about its meaning and the important connections. Perhaps they find, like me, that story given through the heart and voice of a person has uncommon



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freshness, authenticity and rootedness. A story shared in the company of tellers and listeners, in the tumble of laughter and tears, builds community, or "Koinonia." Inside the story-space of imagination, we understand each other's lives a little better. We learn to dream out loud, to believe and love.

My interest in storytelling has been with me all of my life. It was developed into a question during my elementary and highschool teaching years. I was struck by the power of a storytelling to create a palpable pause during a lecture or explanation. In those moments, listeners' attention was complete, and afterwards, children remembered the story and forgot everything else. This fascinated me and inspired my Ph.D. study. I wanted to know the role of story-

telling in "education." What did we learn through word of mouth? Was there a special body of knowledge and ability learned during classroom story-talk? During my study I found that stories and storytelling happened all day long in many unnoticed, un-remarked parts of a school day. In the meantime, children learned about their subjects, each other, their world, language, and about possibility. Importantly, there was also pleasure and a kind of restoration during storytelling moments.

Now I am at Redeemer, using nearly 20 years of formal storytelling experience to help me teach teachers. Storytelling experiences bring life to the theories and research concerning effective literacy teaching in many ways. In children's early learning years, teachers need to develop a relationship between the words in the air and those on the page. Conversations among children, of any age, develop vocabulary and expressive abilities. Stories give the structure, momentum, motivation and contexts necessary for oral and written language development. Sharing stories in school, in my experience, is also the most certain means to develop a community for learning together.

But, perhaps most significant and humbling for me, I find myself busy in a teaching tradition first made familiar to me by The Storyteller: Christ. At Redeemer this tradition is not merely honoured – it is the tradition from which all our work is given purpose. ■

New Alumni Events Planned for Hamilton and Beyond

When surveyed as part of the Association's 2002 Strategic Plan process, many alumni suggested the development of activities and programs with a more specific focus. For example, alumni, especially those who live in work in the Golden Horseshoe, are looking for events that relate to their professional interest or major.

Likewise, those alumni who live outside of the Greater Hamilton area are more interested in getting together with other alumni who live in their own geographic area than coming to campus.

The Alumni Board is working on two initiatives designed to encourage alumni interaction and involvement in both of these areas. For those for whom

it is relatively easy to come to Redeemer, the Alumni Office, in collaboration with faculty, is planning a series of discipline-specific, on-campus events designed to benefit both alumni from, and students in, a particular field.

The template for these events would include a late-afternoon presentation and discussion period (similar to a colloquia), followed or preceded by some type of a reception for students, faculty and alumni of the department. Other features, such as a panel on career opportunities available in the field, or preparing for grad school, could also be built in to such an event, depending on interest and the availability of resources. These events

may also piggy-back on existing departmental or related events.

To help keep those alumni who live a distance from Redeemer more engaged and connected, we are planning a series of "Alumni Evenings" in communities across the province. There is a two-fold purpose to these events: 1) to keep alumni informed about what is happening on campus, and 2) to give alumni in various communities the opportunity to connect.

Both of these programs hope to launch this fall. If you are interested in becoming involved with either event, or if you have suggestions for events on- or off-campus, please contact the Alumni Office at 905.648.2131, Ext. 4292, or by email at alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca.



Kevin Huinink '95 shows his sense of fashion, if not direction, just prior to the start of the 2004 Boston Marathon. As far as it is known, Kevin is the first Redeemer alumnus to participate in one of the world's most famous races.

Although he did not know any of the other 20,000 runners who participated, the Redeemer singlet that he wore did give Kevin some recognition: "In the pre-race athletes' village, I was approached by a runner – a Calvin alumnus – who asked if the Redeemer on my singlet was the 'Redeemer from Ancaster'. And during the marathon, many called out encouragement: 'Go, Redeemer!!!'; 'C'mon, Redeemer, nice work!!!'; and the infamous 'Hey, Redeemer, not much further, you're almost there!!!' Although many of the spectators likely did not know of Redeemer, it was great to have the cheers and to be identified with the College again."

Kevin wore the Redeemer singlet in honour of his time on Redeemer's club-level cross country team, and in support of the current varsity team's success this past year. Congratulations Kevin! ■

Election for new Members of the Alumni Board

The Redeemer Alumni Association thanks the following people for their dedicated service to the Alumni Board: Arlene Heidbuurt '88 and Darryl Beck '95 have both served 2 three-year terms. Arlene has been President for the last three years, and Darryl has been the Board's Secretary for a number of years. They have made substantial contributions to the work of the Alumni Association and to Redeemer as a whole, and we wish them the Lord's blessings in their future endeavours.

The following alumni have been nominated for election to the Board. Alumni are asked to select two names and return their signed ballot to the Alumni Office by September 1, 2004.

Erin Goheen '03 will begin MA studies in English at McMaster University this fall. Erin is a former Student Senate President.

Crystle Hielema Numan '00 does consulting work for the Evangelical Environmental Network in Washington DC, is the Administrative Secretary for Immanuel CRC in Hamilton, and helps her husband, David Numan ('00) in his Software Development and Linux Networking business, Guided Vision.

Jackie De Weerd Sybersma '89 is currently on maternity leave from her position as grade 8 teacher at John Knox Christian School in Brampton, ON.

Scott Zylstra '96 is a teacher at Heritage Christian High School in Jordan Station, ON. He earned a Masters in Secondary Education from Niagara University in 1998, and then spent two years teaching in New Zealand with his wife Karen (Bouwers '98).

As per the Alumni Association's Constitution, members of the Association may submit ballots via e-mail, provided that their name and address appear on the e-mail message received. Ballots cast in this way should be sent to alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca

Alumni Board Election – Ballot

As noted on page 21, the Alumni Association will elect two new Members at Large to serve on Alumni Board. All Alumni are invited to cast their ballot for two of the following. Ballots may be submitted by mail or email, but must be received by the Alumni Office by September 1, 2004

Choose 2:



Erin Goheen



Crystal Numan



Jackie Sybersma



Scott Zylstra

Signature: _____

Homecoming 2004

All former students are invited to Homecoming, hosted by Redeemer University College and the Alumni Association, on Saturday, October 2, 2004. We hope that you and your family will join us for a great day of activities and reminiscing as we celebrate the education and the friendships that were part of our time at Redeemer.

Although we will be recognizing the Classes of '89, '94, and '99, it is important to remember that all alumni, regardless of when they left Redeemer, are invited to campus for this special event. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Alumni Office at 905.648.2131, Ext. 4292, or at alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The registration form and the schedule for the day's activities are on the next page. Please register no later by September 10.



Web Resources

The new and improved Homecoming web-page is now up and running at www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/Homecoming. Please stop by frequently for updates and other Homecoming news. You can also use the page to register on-line, and to see who will be attending Homecoming: all registrants will be asked if they would like to post their names to the Registration List – an easy way to find out if your friends and classmates are participating.

Time to Tee it Up!

The Tenth Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2004, starting at 9:00 am. It will be held at the New Course of the Knollwood Golf Course on Book Rd. in Ancaster.

This is a 4-person Best Ball tournament. Feel free to register as a team, or individually, but to guarantee your spot, advance registration and payment is required. Send your cheque, payable to Redeemer University College, to the Alumni Office by September 1, 2004. The cost of the tournament is \$45 per person. See you on the links!

Homecoming 2004 Registration Package

Please complete the following and send to the Alumni Office by September 10.

I/We plan to participate in the following:

- ☐ **2:30 Registration Table Opens in the Centre Foyer**
Browse tables of Redeemer material, past and present, and visit the Bookstore
- ☐ **3:00 Alumni Address**
Chris Cuthill '96, Lecturer in Art at Redeemer, will give an address based on research he is doing for an Interdisciplinary Studies Course in a popular culture that he will be teaching this fall. Chris' presentation will include a time for questions afterwards.
- ☐ **4:00 Guided Campus Tours**
Check out the changes that have occurred since you left – Williams Coffee Pub, the tennis courts, Augustine Hall, etc.
- ☐ **5:00 Punch Reception**
- ☐ **6:00 Dinner**
Come for dinner in the refurbished Executive Dining Room. A short program will follow, including a reading by Prof Hugh Cook. Cost of the dinner is \$15/person, or \$25/couple. Make cheque payable to Redeemer University College

Name(s): _____ E-mail: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____

☐ I would prefer that our/my name not be posted on the Homecoming webpage's List of Participants (see above)

In Memoriam

Joanne Helleman Kiar



Meredith Dykstra (left, writer of this memorial) and Joanne, with daughters Leah and Sarah, at the 2001 Reunion of Dorm 41, where they celebrated their "We're 30?? Party"

On March 1, 2004 a group of friends from Redeemer met together for a re-union that none of us would have ever pictured on our graduation day ten years ago. But here we were gathered – with many tears, but with laughter as well – as we said our earthly good byes to our dear friend, Joanne Helleman Kiar. Joanne went to be with her Lord on February 27, 2004, after a year-long struggle with cancer. Joanne was raised in Orillia, the youngest of five children, and attended Redeemer College from September 1990 to May 1994. After graduating, she worked at Georgian College where she met her husband Scott. Joanne married Scott in May 1998 and they made their home near Napanee, Ontario. The Kiars were blessed with two daughters: Leah, in April 1999, and Sarah, in July 2001. Throughout Joanne's illness she boldly gave testimony of her Lord.

After the funeral we laughed as we

shared memories from Redeemer and the last decade. Wherever Joanne was, laughter and fun were present. Our minds were filled with images of Joanne planning the ooziest, gooziest desserts made from the Food Store's ingredients; of her walking or dancing, along Kitty Murray Lane singing *Walking in a Winter Wonderland*, of her crazy ways to release stress during exam time.

Joanne lived her life with enthusiasm and showed love to people around her. Even in the end she would ask the nurses how their children were and she'd ask me about my students at school. And in her last days, she still jokingly, yet seriously, said: "Remind Redeemer that I *did* graduate with an education degree" (she is pictured in the 1994 Yearbook with the 3 year general degree). And in the end, we all agreed: Joanne lived, and died, as a child of her Lord. She is dearly missed by her family and friends. ■

Personal Touch

With thanksgiving to God, James 'x02 and Allyson Habekost Heidinga '03 would like to announce the birth of their first child, Nathaniel Ian James, born on February 10, 2004. Both parents and child are doing well.

Congratulations to Kevin '03 and Amy Hordyk Hoogstad '03 and who were united in marriage on March 20, 2004. Kevin is working with aggressive children at a group home and Amy is doing the book-keeping for a custom machine shop. They are happily settled into their home in Waterdown.

Jessica Veenstra Brooks '94 and Paul Brooks are pleased to announce the birth of Jordan William born on July 20, 2003, a new brother for Kristina (6), and Stephanie (3). Jessica will return to teaching at Beacon Christian School in September '04. Their new home address: 74 Farris Avenue, St. Catharines, ON, L2S 3W6.

Congratulations to Ginny Dymont Botting '02 and Nathan Botting who were married on June 14, 2003 in a beautiful ceremony. They currently live in Hamilton where Ginny teaches preschool.

Robert Boer '92 and wife Keri welcomed Emily Kaely into the world on April 19, 2004. In May, Rob received his Doctor of Musical Art degree in choral conducting from the University of Iowa. He just finished his second year as an Assistant Professor of Music at Montreat College in North Carolina. Of the two new titles, he finds "Daddy" means much more than "Doctor."

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Michael '98 and Season Labombard Hoogstad '01 are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Braden Marcel, on October 20, 2003. Big sister Alanna is very proud of her little brother. Michael is busy at work and Season is enjoying her time at home with the kids.

Jennifer Dykstra Dreise '97 and Geoff Dreise thank God for the safe arrival of their second child, Owen Geoffrey. Owen was born on November 15, 2003 and is a little brother for 2 ½ year old Isaiah.

On February 13, 2004, **Marisa Vander Veen '98 and Mendelt Hoekstra '96** joyfully welcomed the newest addition to their family—**Jacoba Ann Vander Veen Hoekstra** (pronounced the Dutch way). A sister for **Zion Christiaan**. Mendelt is a Music Therapist at Bethesda Homes and teaches band at Smithville District Christian High School. Marisa stays at home with their "million dollar" family. Their address is: 4028 Fly Rd., R. R. #1, Vineland, ON, L0R 2C0; Phone: 905-563-6662; e-mail: mandmmusic@hotmail.com

With thanksgiving to God, **Debra Van Noord Vandermeer '87, '95** and husband **Jeff Vandermeer** welcomed their daughter **Elly Grace** into the world on January 6th. Debra has been teaching grades 1 and 2 at Stratford District Christian School and Jeff is operating his own business – Cornerstone Concrete. Their address is: R. R. #2 Mitchell, ON, N0K 1N0; Phone: 519-393-5570.



Kara Cornelia de Jong

Congratulations to **Hank de Jong '99 and Michelle Schouten de Jong '97** who were blessed with a baby girl on December 15, 2003. They named her **Kara Cornelia** after Michelle's late father, and are preparing her for university studies. She weighed 8lbs, 5 oz.

Library Leader: Congratulations to **Greg Sennema '93** for being named by *Library Journal* as a "Mover & Shaker" – one of the 55 people who are "changing their environments to serve users dynamically and to empower them to help themselves." Greg and his colleague **Jed Koops** were cited for their collaborative work in redesigning Calvin College's Library website and creating a web-based content-management system known as **Hobbes**. The system also now provides access to all the library's resources, and is used by library staff to manage some of their workload issues.

After graduating from Redeemer, Greg earned a Masters in Information Studies from the University of Toronto. He is Digital Resources & Reference/Instruction Librarian at the **Hekman Library** at Calvin College & Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI. More details on Greg's achievement can be found at <http://www.library.com/article/CA385903>. Founded in 1876, *Library Journal* is the oldest library publication in the U.S. and has a circulation of over 100,000.



McMaster graduates **Jeffrey Strong** and **Rev. Dr. De Bolster**

Master and Doctor: At the same McMaster Divinity College Convocation where **Rev. De Bolster** was awarded his doctorate, **Jeffrey Strong '01** received a Master of Theological Studies degree. Jeff's wife **Heather Beckett Strong '02** will also graduate this fall, earning a Master of Applied Health Science from Brock University. Heather will begin Ph.D studies in Kinesiology at McMaster University in fall 2005 after they welcome their first baby in November.

Sometimes a Shining Moment

The mostly highs and occasional lows of being a student athlete

*But time I cannot change,
so here's to looking back
you know I drink a whole bottle of my pride
and I toast to change.*

You know, Shawn Mullins was a bit of a one album wonder, and though some of the songs were overplayed, they still have an emotional pull. "We're born to shimmer, we're born to shine; we're born to radiate...." We love the song because of its optimism; it makes us believe in what must be just around the corner – something beautiful but elusive.

As a varsity athlete at Redeemer College, I knew exactly what it meant to pursue something beautiful but elusive. Actually, I wish I could be recounting for you the days on Beach Boulevard, saying things like "We used to piggy back each other up and down that beach..." or "the 10 mile jog back to our dorm was part of our training..." But, I was still in grade school during the Beach Boulevard years. (Did R(U)C even have varsity sports in the beginning?) Nope, I went through Redeemer after it moved to the land of milk and honey – the countryside of Ancaster. I played volleyball and soccer. It was a nice little walk home from soccer practice, as I lived in dorm 36 during my first two years at Redeemer.

I know that the media in Hamilton love to portray Redeemer athletics as "The little university that almost could, but never quite can." It's an easy cliché to sell



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– the classic David and Goliath story. But to my recollection, that was never the way we felt. In both winning and losing seasons, we never lost that sense of belief in what was just around the corner. We believed that we *were* born to shine. And shine we did. In 1992 we hosted the OCAA (D2) volleyball championships – "Going to the Wall." Each of us still has the t-shirt to remind ourselves. We

lost an amazing final to Cambrian College. I remember the competition as well as the spiritual leadership of Coach Byl. I like to think of that championship as the start of Redeemer's popularity as a volleyball venue. Teams still love to play in front of our fans. Last year's OCAA all star game was no different. Opposing athletes love the energy in our gym.

Sometimes, the shine took on a different hue. Sometimes, we had to be a bit more creative. After losing some key players (a.k.a. the "Toronto boys") to graduation, the 1993 soccer team made a commitment at the start of the next season. We told ourselves that if we lost 5 games that year, we would shave our heads. We went 0-6 to start the season. Some of our heads had a nice shine – Lammer's always had a nice shiny head. The Smithville boys – Breukelman and Pot – not so much. Even in our defeat, there was evidence of beauty... kind of.

Redeemer gives all of its athletes the chance to shine. It's not self-serving. It's not about personal pride. It's a much deeper shine than that. And on behalf of all past athletes, I do toast the many changes. We love to return for the alumni games. We look forward to seeing the changes yet to come. But here's to looking back. ■

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Fresh, Bold Look for Redeemer's New Library

The new Peter Turkstra Library (see p. 4), designed by the architecture firm Reinders and Rieder, will present a striking new face for those looking at the campus from Garner Rd.. The glass and brick exterior includes Redeemer's badge (a stylized version of the upper portion of the Coat of Arms) that will be backlit, proudly proclaiming the nature of the institution.

The circular badge, within the Library's triangular peak, maintains the pattern found

on the porticos above many of the academic building's entrances.

The "front lobby" of the Library – the Circulation Desk, Reference area and Reading Lounge – will use curved lines and half-height shelving units to create an open airy atmosphere.

Floor plans for the Peter Turkstra Library, and the new classrooms that are also part of the South Wing Addition, can be viewed at www.redeemer.on.ca/library/pturkstra.htm.



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